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THE CORNER EFFECT BY
DENSIFYING THE
INSULATING LAYER

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/FR98/01475

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known):

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
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3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(l).
4. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)), including:
a title page; 6 page(s) of specification; 1 page(s) of claims (claims 1-4); 1 page(s) of abstract.
5. Drawings
 Formal Figure(s) 1-2 on 1 sheet(s).
6. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2))
 is transmitted herewith (15 pages).
 has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
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7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3))
 - are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - have not been made and will not be made.
8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).
9. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
 - A copy of the Demand for International Preliminary Examination is enclosed.
10. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)):
 - is enclosed (pages).
 - a combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed (2 pages).
 - is not enclosed. Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED be sent to the undersigned representative of Applicant.
11. Applicant hereby claims priority to:
 - International Application No.: PCT/FR98/01475 filed July 8, 1998.
 - French application No.: 97/08642 filed July 8, 1997.
12. A translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).
13. The entire disclosure of the International Application referred to above is considered to be part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
14. Assignment Papers.
 - An assignment document is enclosed for recording (2 pages).
 - Form PTO-1595 Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page).
15. A Preliminary Amendment (2 pages).
16. A substitute specification for pages _____ (pages).
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24. Copy of PCT Form PCT/IB/332
25. Copy of PCT Form PCT/IB/338
- 26 Copy of International Request.
27. Copy of International Preliminary Examination Report.
 A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report in French.
 English Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report.
28. The following fees are submitted:

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